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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been yet another packed week here at Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School, with the Year 10 Post 16 Information Evening, STEM and careers visits and a trip to the theatre taking place.

In addition to this, the exam season got underway with the first written exam taking place today. I am very proud of all of our Year 11 students as they begin their written GCSEs.

It's important to support each other during these times, and also to be mindful of our mental wellbeing. Follow this link for Mrs Chilton's Managing Mental Health newsletter, with advice on how to tackle exam pressure and stress: <https://t.ly/0H9YI>

As Mental Health Awareness Week approaches on May 13th; let's promote a healthy environment for everyone.

Good luck to all of our Year 11 students; we are with you all the way.

Please encourage your child to get themselves prepared the night before for the following day. By getting uniform ready, packing essentials, and mentally outlining the day, students' are setting themselves up for success and reducing potential stress or last-minute worries. Planning ahead ensures a smoother start, and the day can begin with a clearer mind.

Please can all students bring their own water bottles, especially with the warmer weather approaching. Students may not leave lessons to get water, so it is the students' responsibility to make sure their bottles are topped up during breaks.

Please make sure you take the time to rest and enjoy the bank holiday weekend, and I look forward to seeing all students on Tuesday, at 8.25am.



Beverley Scott-Herron  
**Headteacher**

## Year 11 Exam Revision Timetable

The GCSE Exams have now started with Travel and Tourism being the first written exam that took place on Friday.

Students had the benefit of a 2-hour revision session immediately before the exam. As Mr Koltan outlined in his letter to you, where possible, students have a revision session in close proximity to the exam. Mr Koltan explained how the Exam and Revision Timetable works to Year 11 in their assembly on Monday. Students have been issued with a hard copy in addition to the electronic copy that was emailed out to parents. Form Tutors are also displaying this Timetable to Year 11 during morning registration, so they are very clear when revision sessions are taking place.

Period 6 sessions will still be taking place Tuesday-Thursday each week for subjects still to be examined. If a subject exam has taken place, then the Period 6 session for this subject will finish.

A reminder that students need to bring revision materials into school to support their revision for other subjects when they are attending lessons where the exam and coursework has been completed.

Please see the Year 11 Exam Revision Timetable for the week ahead below:

	Date	Period One	Period Two	Period Three	Period Four	Period Five	Subjects Complete
<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>Mon 6 May Bank Holiday</b>						
	<b>Tue 7 May</b>	Option D	H Band - Science C Band - Maths	H Band – French/Spanish/ Hospitality  C Band – History/Geography	Option C	H1 – RE H2/H3 - English  C Band - Science  <b>BTEC Enterprise Revision</b>	
	<b>Wed 8 May</b>	H Band – Core PE  C1 – English C2/C3 - RE  BTEC Enterprise Exam (2 Hours)	H Band – Maths  C Band – Core PE	H Band – Science  C Band - Maths	H1/H3 – English H2 – RE  C Band - Science  <b>C2 – RE Revision</b>	H1 – RE H2/H3 – English  C1 – RE C2/C3 – English  <b>H Band – RE Revision</b>	<b>Enterprise</b>
	<b>Thu 9 May</b>	H Band – Geography/History  C Band – Spanish/French/ Art  Religious Studies Exam (Christianity/ Judaism) (1Hr 45)	H1/H2 – English H3 – RE  C Band - Maths	H Band – Science  C1/C3 – English C2 - RE	H band – Maths  C1/C3 – RE C2 English  <b>C Band – Science Revision</b>	Option D	
	<b>Fri 10 May</b>	H Band – Science  C band - Maths  Combined Science: Bio 1 Exam (1Hr 15)  Triple Science: Bio 1 Exam (1Hr 45)	H Band – Maths  C Band - RE	H1 – English H2/H3 – RE  C Band – History/Geography	H1 – RE H2/H3 – English  C band – English	H Band – Spanish/French/ Hospitality  C Band – Science	

## **End of Year Reward Trips**

We have recently shared the news that the end of year Rewards Trips to Blackpool Pleasure Beach and Chester Zoo will take place Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Students have been informed that in order to meet the criteria to attend the trips, can we please ask that parents and carers reiterate this message to their children, so that there are no surprises come July:

- Having no attendance concerns related to unauthorised absence – pushing to achieve the school target of 96%+ attendance for half term 5 and 6
- Positive conduct points (House Points minus Negative Behaviour Points = Conduct points)
- A review of C3 and truancy incidents
- No serious incident behaviour logs e.g. suspensions

## **Food Hamper Support for Families**

MCKS Charitable Foundation UK (MCKS) continues to provide schools across the country with support for their most vulnerable students and families, by donating food, toiletries, and much needed sanitary supplies.

Due to their amazing sponsors and donations, we have continued to receive a fortnightly delivery, where we have been supporting a number of families. We recognise that times are tough at the moment, and with the support of MCKS, we have gone a small way to help families at this challenging time.

This week we have received a delivery of toiletry and exam items, the exam items being cereal bars to help the children along with their GCSE examinations.

We know that it can be hard to ask for support at times, however, we really encourage those who are in need of support at this time, to contact your child's Head of Year or Mr Leonard ([jleonard@boteler.org.uk](mailto:jleonard@boteler.org.uk)). All requests for support will be treated sensitively.

A big thank you to MCKS.

## **Every Minute Counts – good punctuality is important**

We would just like to reiterate the importance of good punctuality.

Good punctuality is essential for fostering a positive learning environment, promoting personal growth, and preparing students for success in academics and life. Unfortunately, a number of students continue to be late to school and lessons within the day, without good reason. We encourage good punctuality because:

1. **Establishing Discipline:** Punctuality helps students develop discipline and a sense of responsibility. Arriving to school on time requires planning, organisation, and commitment, all of which are valuable life skills.
2. **Maximising Learning Time:** Being punctual ensures that students make the most of their learning opportunities. Arriving late can result in missed instructions, important announcements, or introductory discussions, which can hinder academic progress.
3. **Respect for Others:** Punctuality demonstrates respect for teachers, classmates, and school staff by showing that you value their time and the learning environment. Lateness causes disruption!
4. **Building Reliable Habits:** Consistently being punctual in school helps students encourage habits of reliability and dependability, which are highly valued traits in academic, professional, and personal contexts.
5. **Reducing Stress:** Arriving late to school can cause stress and anxiety for students as they rush to catch up with work. Being punctual reduces this stress and promotes positive routines, where attention is then on learning.
6. **Developing Time Management Skills:** Punctuality encourages students to manage their time effectively and allocate sufficient time for commuting to school. These skills are essential for success both in school and beyond.
7. **Improved Academic Performance:** Studies have shown a correlation between punctuality and academic achievement. Students who regularly attend school on time are more likely to be engaged in their studies, participate in class discussions, and perform well academically.
8. **Preparing for the Future:** Punctuality is a valuable skill that extends beyond the school years. Employers, colleges, and universities place a high value on punctuality, as it is indicative of reliability, professionalism, and respect for others.

Please remember: students need to be in year group lines, ready for standard checks by 8.25am Monday to Thursday, and 8.50am on a Friday.

Make every minute count!

## **Personal Development**

### **Further Education Open Event Reaseheath College Year 10 and 11 – Saturday 8th June, 10am for a 10.30am start**

This event is the final one of this academic year! It is ideal for students looking to find out more about the courses offered at Reaseheath College and what they can experience whilst they are here.

With a fun and informative day in store along with course subject area talks, it's a chance for students to visit with their families, meet the tutors, walk around the campus, look at the accommodation and have questions answered about transport, finance and more!

By the end of the day, students will leave knowing everything they need about what Reaseheath College has to offer.

For more information and to book their place, please visit: [College Course Open Event 8 June - Reaseheath College](#)

## **Career in Dentistry and Medicine Webinar**

Understanding the pivotal role that work experience plays in shaping a student's perspective on their future career, we're delighted to extend an invitation to your students to participate in our FREE 6-month medical or 4-month dental virtual work experience programme.

This is the LAST CHANCE for students to explore specialties in General Practice and Public Health & Oral Pathology before the next rotation begins next week. Aimed to provide students with insights into the medical and dental fields, this free virtual work experience empowers students to make informed decisions about their future.

Students can find out more here:

<https://medicmentor.org/university-hospitals-birmingham-trust-virtual-work-experience/>

To ensure your students don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity, they need to attend our upcoming Get Into Medicine or Get Into Dentistry conference, granting them IMMEDIATE ACCESS to the Virtual Work Experience programmes.

If your students haven't attended a Get Into Conference but would like to join the Virtual Work Experience, they can sign up for the next upcoming conferences on these dates:

For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

Sunday 12th May, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Sunday 19th May, 9:30am - 3:30pm

For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference date:

Saturday 18th May, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Students and parents can register for free at these links:

Medical Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dental Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

Throughout these conferences, students will have the chance to interact directly with doctors, dentists, and medical and dental students LIVE. They'll gain critical information to make a competitive application to study medicine or dentistry at university.

Students aged 14 - 18 are invited to attend with a parent or guardian, equipped with a working camera and microphone.

By attending a Free LIVE Virtual Get Into Conference and completing the free virtual work experience programme, students will also receive a 'Highly Commended' reference from the Presidents at Medic Mentor.

This reference is a powerful addition to boost your medical school applications and C.V. It can be proudly listed on your UCAS application under the section for 'conferences you have attended which have prepared you for higher education'.

Medical Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dental Registration Link: <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9Iwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

## **WVR T Level T-Party**

Reminder that Warrington & Vale Royal College's **T Level T-Party** is now only a few days away.

Taking place on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** from **5.45pm – 8.00pm** at our **Warrington campus**, your Year 11 pupils who have applied for a T Level course starting in September 2024 are invited, along with their parents/guardians, to join us for this informative event.

On the evening, they will:



👂 Explore their course content, assessments and career progression.

👂 Learn how we will support them with securing their industry placement.

👂 Hear from current T Level students and employers.

👂 Have all of their questions answered by our Vice Principal, course leaders and committed Industry Placement Team.

To attend, applicants **MUST** register in advance at: [wvr.ac.uk/t-party](http://wvr.ac.uk/t-party)

## **Post 16**

This week we held an information evening for parent/guardians about students options when they leave school. Thank you if you attended. For those who didn't it is extremely important that you start discussing with your child their options for when they leave school. They have to be in Education, Training or Employment. Please look at our careers page on our website for more information and start to look at the qualification that is right for your child and the course.

[Post-16 Pathways \(Careers\) – Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School](#)

## **'The Teen Sleep Hub'**

Getting a good night's sleep is a crucial puzzle piece to our mental health and wellbeing. However, this is easier said than done, and can be a big problem for many of our young people. Understanding our sleep needs and building healthy sleep habits into our nightly routine can make such a positive impact and change how we feel in the day.

'The Teen Sleep Hub' is a one stop shop for all you need to know about healthy sleep, and offers tip to help you tweak your routine to achieve a more rested night.

It offers a personalised quiz to help you work out what quality of sleep you are getting at the moment and offers advice a variety of practical strategies to support you in your sleep journey.

<https://teensleephub.org.uk/teens-young-people/>

## **Leavers' Hoodies**

Please click on the link to view a letter from Mr Horne regarding Year 11 leavers' hoodies

<https://forms.office.com/e/GbtKbkLbDK>



## **More STEM success for the Science Department – Warrington Wolves Stadium Construction Challenge.**

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of April, two teams of two students visited the Halliwell Jones Stadium to compete in a challenge between other TCAT Schools. The students had been preparing for this complex challenge for 16 weeks – to design a new corner to the stadium!

Two major companies sponsored the event - C4 Projects, Architects, and Total Steel Supplier, a steel erector to major constructions such as stadiums. Our teams were being judged by hands on experts in their respective fields. Warrington Wolves themselves had experts on hand and gave guided tours of the stadium behind the scenes, to show the construction of the stadium and how it was achieved.

Our two teams of Year 8 students, including Natalie Lai and Kayley Ng, along with Arel Celikler and Rex Chu had to consider how would their new extension be achieved, what would it hold, and would there be corporate boxes or areas for the community (eg. a fitness suite, business events etc). They also had to consider how the area would retain ambulance access in case of player injury, plus what income streams would be generated to help pay for the extension in future years. They also take to take into account how the design would reduce environmental impact and use renewable fuels.

Each team of two presented to not only the panel of experts, but also everyone else involved in the challenge. Every team presented very well and answered all the probing questions from the panel. Each team were brilliant, but as in all competitions, not everyone can take home a prize.

Huge congratulations to Natalie and Kayley for securing the Sustainability Award category for the best design with lowest environmental impact.

A fantastic day and project, only made possible by the dynamic leadership of C4 Projects, Total Steel and Warrington Wolves.





## Drama Department News

I was delighted to welcome Jimmy Fairhurst, Artistic Director of 'Not Too Tame' Theatre Company to the Studio on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Jimmy led a 2-hour workshop with a variety of Year 9 and 10 students bringing Shakespeare's Soliloquies to life. 'Not Too Tame' is a Warrington based Theatre Company. Their work celebrates regional identity, and champions Community. They craft exhilarating nights out across a variety of venue types and highlight to audiences that theatre ***IS*** for them, both as a form of entertainment and as a potential career path.

The students learnt about the rhythm of performing Shakespeare, using iambic pentameter and a range of Drama conventions.





'Not Too Tame' will be performing Twelfth Night at Shakespeare North Playhouse, Prescott on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

The English department has arranged a trip to see the production on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Any Year 9 or 10 Student who wishes to attend can see Miss Ward for a letter.

**Ms Armstrong – Leader of Drama and School Productions.**







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# DANCE EXPLOSION

SHOWCASING A VARIETY OF YEAR GROUPS  
AND DANCE STYLES FROM ACROSS  
THE DECADES



**2ND JULY 2024 18:00**

**AT SIR THOMAS BOTELER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

£2 PER TICKET - TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE MAIN SCHOOL OFFICE